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Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) North Corridor Metrorail Extension
Preliminary Engineering Phase
NW 183rd Street Station Planning Meeting
June 6, 2005

The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by Michelle Simmons, MDT's Public Involvement Coordinator. She provided a project overview and brief purpose for the meeting. She further stated the need for citizen involvement and participation.

She made acknowledgements of Miami Gardens Councilwoman Barbara Watson; Zolena Bratton, wife of Miami Gardens Melvin Bratton; and CAC Co-chair Anita Pittman.

She then introduced the Project Manager Dennis Lyzniak who provided project description and purpose.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Dennis Lyzniak, P.E., Project Manager, of Parsons Transportation Group Described the Project:

- This is the Preliminary Engineering Phase in which citizens provide input and recommendations for initial design
- Meeting purpose is to gain neighborhood input of the project
- Commitment to the community and the two cities along the corridor, City of Miami Gardens and City of Opa-locka
- Provided the project schedule and a description of the 9-mile alignment along NW 27th Avenue from 82nd Street to 215th Street. He gave a briefing on each of the seven station locations
- Alignment approved in 2004 by Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- This phase will further define alignment, type of structure, columns, and other transit station features
- Consultant will put together a set of plans and submit to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), upon completion of this project phase in December 2005
- The next phase will be Final Design
- More complete project design information by December 6

Dennis Lyzniak further discussed:

The Carol City Shopping Center – NW 183rd Street Station – Taco Bell abandoned gas station, McDonalds are located in the station area. The Metrorail line will go over the businesses at a high elevation.

We need your comments on what you want to see in the stations.

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We define the station thru analysis. Many people using the stations will probably walk. Stations can be joint parking facilities for both the Metrorail and the shopping center.

Stephen Thompson, AIA, of Earth Tech, presentation focused on architectural input:

- Identify landmarks, Identify events
- Architecture and landscape elements
- The Urban Analysis Report
- Site planning
- Community involvement in station planning and design
- Give us your thoughts and ideas about the station site
- Good potential for development
- This phase will provide guidelines for final design

Ronald Frazier architects, AIA, presentation focused on 3 items to stimulate creative thoughts amongst the citizens:

- Visual images
- Cultural symbolism
- Specialized treatment of structure
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Ronald Frazier, also presented specific concepts of station design:

- Ethnic themes for the station design
- Application of textures, colors, tiles and other designs to the structure, columns, railings, roof, flooring, elevator doors and other structural elements at the transit stations
- Displayed examples of stations in the U.S. , international and locally, i.e. The Martin Luther King station and development (office building) at NW 62nd Street

Ronald Frazier also encouraged the citizens to:

- Present concept plans and keep community pattern
- Consider Miami Gardens' logo which visualizes flowers. See the arch, see the sun – tropical setting for a city. This Town Center is going to be a reflection of the city- for the Town Center
- Think about image of the city for a possible station design.

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COMMUNITY CITIZEN CONCERNS:

1. Safety is our concern.
2. How many businesses will be interrupted?
3. When will construction start?
4. Where will the parking lot be located? Will it be shared with shopping center parking lot?
5. Where is the exact location of the station in the shopping center area? Starting over top of the McDonald's on the west side of street.
6. With a street crossing to access the station from the west side of street, will there be urban improvements?
7. Will there be a need for an overhead pedestrian crossing?
8. What talks have you had with City of Miami Gardens
Had preliminary meeting re: gateway and plans for a follow up meeting
With Miami Gardens' Development Director Jay Marder re: Town center and other Miami Gardens developments.
9. Can you repeat where station is? Alignment goes on west side and alignment crosses over 27th Avenue and continues on east side.
10. How will this affect the planned Walmart on the southeast side of 27th Avenue and 199 Street, intersection of 199th and the Home Depot on the east side of 27th Avenue? It will not.
11. Homes in back of Walmart – how are they affected?
We don't want both constructions at same time.
12. How will the station be maintained?
Landscaping, MDT maintaining station operationally.
13. Will Miami Gardens be responsible for maintaining station? No.
14. Buses going in and out of this station – how will that work
Buses can drop off and pick up.
15. It would be nice for people to come and shop at the shopping center.
County encouraging joint development for an integrated station.
16. Parking: have any studies been done to study parking garage to the Flea Market? Controlled access – park and pay
17. What is the amount/number of parking spaces?
18. Has the infrastructure been satisfied for this station – sewer, water lines? There will be infrastructure for this MDT project.
19. I thought this project was already in place—finalized.
20. Leslie Estates is all on the west side of 191st to 199th side. I'm on the west side. Will the trains' vibration have affect on the 2-story townhouses.
21. As I look at the NW 183 Street station location, how will your parking affect the shopping centers parking spaces? Affect on the town center?
22. As you do a study of the noise, will you be able to post signs that people can see – in terms of decibels?
People on the east side will need to know the decibel travel.
The noise walls should mitigate the basic noise concern.

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23. You are talking about paid parking – free parking for Town Center?
24. How will you look at garages, compared to NW 183 Street surface parking?
25. What are the hours of operation?
Morning – 5:30 a.m. and send the last train at midnight.
26. Will there be any storage for trains?
Yes at 215 Street, 3 tracks.
No maintenance facility just sit the trains until the next morning.
27. Will there be park and ride at NW 199 Street?
At the very last station, there will be a large park and ride across from Calder at 215 Street.
28. The station at NW 163rd Street – who will it serve?
Serve Palmetto Expressway, many community people, Golden Glades, St. Thomas University, surface parking.
29. What 109 properties may be taken?
We will minimize takings and know how many properties in August.
30. Please consider at NW 183 Street station for free overflow parking.
31. The study will be complete December 6. You can insure us that the priority is to be on schedule and no changes on alignment?
This is the first MDT project which will be presented to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). We must make project functional and funding economically feasible for the federal government.
32. We have a lot of ridership from here to downtown. I see many people taking the buses.
33. We want the same political considerations for the North Corridor, as the privileged communities get.
34. Have you looked at impact to businesses? Does it affect businesses and residential properties?
We'll try to expand columns to avoid some taking of property.
35. When will we know the last meeting for FTA approval?
36. In North Dade, we are waiting for this system to work. The Commissioners and County--We have lost confidence in the county. We worked for special transit tax, and then they raised bus fares. I assure you that MDT Lobbyist are working hard on this. The ½ penny tax has move forward with feds because of the local match.
37. What is the percentage of the match?
50-50 percent
\$400 plus million
\$200 Million state
\$200 Million County
38. I hope we don't have contractors to mess up this project.
39. Are any of the properties coming under the Land Trust?

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- 40. The final package, will we see it before it is sent to federal government?
We'll have an Executive Summary.
- 41. Will people be able to access station east to west – ground level crossing?
- 42. Will there be an elevator?
- 43. We should have Afro-Centric architecture.
- 44. How will you use the space – concrete that fits into environment Caribbean and African heritage?
- 45. We need security on the train and emergency telephones visible in every car to call the Police.
- 46. We need trash receptacles at Metrorail stations – need trash cans.

Consultant's Overall Response:

Our plan is to show station size, location parking, curbcuts to you in August for your review and discussion

On the alignment map, the North Corridor is the Orange line, according to presentation made to Up-Pac by MDT Director Roosevelt Bradley.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE
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Zolena Bratton, Leslie Estates/
Representing Miami Gardens' Councilman Melvin Bratton
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Jimmy Ray Burke, Miami Job Corps
Raynique Burke
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Sylvia Daughtrey, Leslie Estates
Gwenith Dean, Brentwood Citizen
Larry Gardner, Office of Commissioner Barbara Jordan
Billy Isley, Up-Pac
Wade Jones
Katherine Kiekim, Global Hands
Jay Marder, Miami Gardens Development Director
Enid R. Marshall
Nettie Miller
Rutar Pierre, Citizens Crime Watch
Anita Pittman, North Corridor CAC Co-Chair-Citizens Advisory Committee
Sharon Pritchett, City of Miami Gardens City Council
Francis Ragin, Up-Pac
William L. Robinson, MAS
Paul Savage, Greenberg Traruig
Dorothy Smith, Brentwood Crime Watch
Sharon Frazier Stephens, Miami Norland Sr. High PTSA (Parent-Teacher-
Student Association)
Commissioner Barbara Watson, City of Miami Gardens
Paulette Sims Wimberly, Miami Gardens Gazette Newspaper

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